

## APPENDIX A

### AGENCY AUTHORITY AND MISSION STATEMENTS

#### Federal Emergency Management Agency

Contained in the agency charter as "... providing the leadership and support to reduce the loss of life and property and protect our institutions from all types of hazards through a comprehensive, risk-based, all hazards emergency program of mitigation, preparedness, response, and recovery."

#### National Institute of Standards and Technology

Contained in the National Bureau of Standards Authorizing Act of 1986: "The National Bureau of Standards, on its own initiative, ... may initiate and conduct investigations to determine the causes of structural failures in structures which are used or occupied by the general public."

#### National Resources Conservation Service

Contained in the Rural Development Act of 1972, Public Law 92-419, Sec. 302, Title III (7 USC 1010a) August 30, 1972, which authorizes a land inventory and monitoring program, including studies and surveys of erosion, sediment damage, flood plain identification, and land use changes and trends.

#### National Weather Service

The National Weather Service (NWS) provides weather, hydrologic, and climate forecasts and warnings for the United States, its territories, adjacent waters and ocean areas, for the protection of life and property and the enhancement of the national economy. NWS data and products form a national information database and infrastructure which can be used by other governmental agencies, the private sector, the public, and the global community.

#### US Army Corps of Engineers

Public Law 71 (Coastal and Tidal Areas - Survey - Damages), 84th Congress, 1955.

#### US Air Force

Memorandum of Agreement between the USAF Reserve and NOAA dated May 4, 1992.

#### Civil Air Patrol

The Civil Air Patrol (CAP) is chartered under 36 U.S.C. 201 et. seq. and is a civilian auxillary of the USAF. The USAF is authorized under 10 U.S.C. 9441 to use the services of the CAP to fulfill its non-combat missions. Memorandum of Understanding between the CAP, NWS, and the CAP-USAF, 22 Aug 97.

#### US Geological Survey

The Water Resources Division of the USGS is responsible for the coordination of the water-data acquisition activities of all federal agencies as mandated by Office of Management and Budget Memorandum No. M-92.01.